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SUBJECT: CIVILIAN OPERATION OF BAKER-NUNN STATION

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1. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY BY ACTING DCM, MFA LEGAL DIVISION HEAD BEEBY ADVISED AUGUST 8 THAT ONLY MAJOR PROBLEM WITH CIVILIAN CONTRACTOR OPERATION OF MT. JOHN WAS QUESTION OF TAXATION. THIS ISSUE STILL BEING CONSIDERED BY GNZ INLANDREVENUE DEPARTMENT WHICH REQUIRES ANOTHER WEEK OR TEN DAYS TO COMPLETE ITS WORK. ACCORDING TO BEEBY GNZ CONCLUSIONS ON TAXATION COULD DIFFER FROM USG OPINIONS AND REQUIRE GNZ-USG CONSULTATIONS.

2. BEEBY SAID CIVILIAN OPERATION QUESTION HAD NOT BEEN PUT BEFORE CABINET, BUT HE HAD NO DOUBT MINISTERS WOULD WELCOME PROPOSAL.

3. COMMENT- EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS GNZ FOR DECISION ON THIS QUESTION. TAXATION IS OBVIOUSLY THE MAJOR ISSUE TO BE RESOLVED WITH INLAND REVENUE APPARENTLY UNWILLING ACCEPT US POSITION. IF THIS IS THE CASE, RESOLUTION OF TAXATION PROBLEM COULD BE
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SUBJECT OF RATHER LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS WITH GNZ.

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